

## SIXTY-NINTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Rainey, the reading of the journal was dispensed with, and same adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage by that body of the following bills:

Senate bill No. 296, "An act to legalize and validate the ordinances of cities and towns where said ordinances impose a penalty for their violation, and have not been published in the official journal as required by law, and to give force and effect to the same."

Senate bill No. 291, "An act to ascertain what, if any, unpaid balance of salary is due Hon. Gustave Cook, Judge of the Criminal District Court of Galveston and Harris counties, and making an appropriation therefore."

House substitute for Senate bill No. 287, "An act to amend sections 1 and 4 of an act approved March 11, 1881."

Also, that the House concurs in the Senate amendments to House bill No. 589, "An act to relieve the inhabitants of Cameron county from the payment of taxes for the year 1880."

Also, that the following bills had been lost in the House, to-wit:

Senate bill No. 22, "An act to amend articles 355 and 356 of 'an act to adopt and establish a Penal Code for the State of Texas.'"

Senate bill No. 113, "An act to prescribe the requisites to records of deeds," etc.

Senate bill No. 90, "An act to amend article 1052, chapter 2, of title 15, of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

Senate bill No. 15, "An act to encourage the construction of artesian wells."

Senate bill No. 33, "An act to repeal sundry articles of title 82 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the office of public weigher."

Senate bill No. 122, "An act to amend article 577, chapter 3, title 20, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Senate joint resolution No. 31, proposing an amendment to article 16, section 20, of the Constitution, known as prohibition.

Senate bill No. 3, "An act to amend article 314, of the Penal Code."

Senate joint resolution No. 19, "Requiring the employment of female clerks."

Senate bill No. 50, "An act to adjust the State's indebtedness to the university fund," etc.

Senator Burton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Sargeant-at-Arms of the Senate be authorized to appoint one of the pages of the Senate to aid him and the Secretary for five days after adjournment, to receive the same pay as now, and to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Terrell submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-Governor's room and committee rooms of Senate, with carpets and furniture, after being placed in order, shall be at the disposal of the Commissioners of Appeals during recess of Senate.

Adopted.

Also the following, by the same Senator:

*Resolved*, That William Neal Ramey, First Assistant Secretary be, and he is hereby retained in office for ten days after the adjournment of the Senate, for the purpose of assisting the Secretary in his arrangement of the papers of the Senate, and in the indexing and

distributing the journals and the general and special laws of the Seventeenth Legislature, and that he be paid for said services, upon the certificate of the Secretary of the Senate, out of the contingent fund of this session of the Legislature; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the amount due him, as certified to by the said Secretary in said certificate.

Adopted.

The following bills were read by caption and signed by the President:

House bill No. 309, "An act to provide for the sale of alternate sections of land in organized counties as surveyed by railroad companies and other works of internal improvement, and set apart for the benefit of the common school fund, and to provide for the investment of the proceeds, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

House bill No. 228, "An act to authorize the establishment of a house of refuge, to provide for committing minors to the same, and to provide for the support and maintenance of the same."

House bill No. 589, "An act to relieve the citizens of Cameron county from the payment of taxes for the year 1880."

House bill No. 319, "An act for the relief of persons whose lands have been rendered for taxation, and also placed upon the unrendered rolls."

On motion of Senator Stewart, Senate bill No. 291, "An act to ascertain what, if any, unpaid balance of salary is due Hon. Gustave Cook, Judge of the Criminal District Court of Galveston and Harris counties, and making an appropriation therefor," with House amendments, was taken up, and the House amendments concurred in by the Senate.

Senate bill No. 170, "An act to amend an act entitled 'landlord and tenant,' adopted February 21, 1879," with House amendments, was taken up, and the House amendments concurred in.

Senator Cooper, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 260, "An act prescribing the time of holding the district courts of the Twenty-third District," and find same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and, at 10:15 o'clock A. M., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 258, "An act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled, by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State, or of the Confederate States, a land certificate for 1280 acres of land," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 10:15 o'clock A. M., on this day, presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 149, "An act to amend sections 87, 96, 97, 98, 99, 127, 131 and 132 of 'an act to incorporate the city of Galveston, and to grant a new charter,' approved August 2, 1870," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 10:15 o'clock A. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 299, "An act to amend section 5 of an act entitled 'an act to establish the university of Texas,' passed at the

present session of the Legislature," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 10:15 o'clock A. M., on this day, presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 224, "An act to amend title 34 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding articles 1605a and 1605b, and to amend articles 1689 and 1702 of the election laws of the State of Texas, and to provide for creating election precincts in unorganized counties," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 10:15 o'clock A. M., on this day, presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 35, "An act to amend chapter 130 of the acts of 1879, entitled 'an act to amend section 46 of an act to encourage stockraising and for the protection of stockraisers,' approved April 22, 1879," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 10:15 o'clock A. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 105, "An act for the relief of J. M. Brownson," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 10:15 A. M., on this day, presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman,  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 301, "An act supplementary to an amendment of 'an act making appropriations for deficiencies beginning March 1, 1879, and ending February 28, 1881, and for previous years,' passed March 24, 1881," and find same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 10:15 o'clock A. M., on this day presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

To the Honorable Senate in Legislature assembled:

I respectfully ask the advice and consent of your honorable body to the following appointments:

For Regents of the University of Texas:

Hon. T. J. Devine, of Bexar county.

Dr. Ashbel Smith, of Harris county.

Gov. James W. Throckmorton, of Collin county.

Gov. Richard B. Hubbard, of Smith county.

Gov. E. M. Pease, of Travis county.

Dr. James H. Starr, of Harrison county.

Mr. A. N. Edwards, of Hopkins county.

Prof. Smith Ragsdale, of Parker county.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of Senate bill No. 125, "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent on certificate 291 to the Mexican Telegraph Company, chartered under the laws of the State of New York, which certificate was issued to the H. and T. C. R. Co. for 640 acres of land, and has been located on the island of Brazos Santiago, and to designate the alternate section, located and surveyed, adjoining the location of said certificate, as belonging to the public school land of this State."

The following bill was read by caption and signed by the President:

House bill No. 429, "An act authorizing counties to fund

their bonded indebtedness, and to provide means to pay the same."

Senator Gooch offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, is authorized to employ such help as may be necessary to enable him to have all the bills, etc., enrolled that have passed the Legislature and are ready for enrollment. That such clerks employed be allowed the same pay as the other clerks of the Senate; to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, on the certificate of service for said work to be endorsed by the chairman of said Enrolling Committee, and the Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Buchanan of Wood, chairman of the Committee on Educational Affairs, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Educational Affairs have considered House bill No. 588, entitled "An act amending articles 3705, 3707, 3710, 3742, 3746, 3747, 3752, 3758, 3762 and 3768, chapter 3, title 78, Revised Civil Code," and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the accompanying amendments, and as amended to recommend that the bill do pass.

#### AMENDMENTS.

1. Amend the caption so that it will read as follows: "An act for the establishment of three summer normal schools."
2. Strike out all except sections 2 and 3 of the bill.

BUCHANAN of Wood, Chairman.

Bill read the first time.

House bill No. 609, "An act to reorganize the Fourth and Twenty-first Judicial Districts, and to fix the time of holding the courts therein," was taken up and read first time, with an unfavorable report from the committee.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Grimes, the report was adopted and bill lost.

House bill No. 588, just reported by Senator Buchanan of Wood, with the committee amendments, was taken up, and, on motion of Senator Buchanan of Wood, the rule was suspended, and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

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| Buchanan of Grimes, | Lightfoot,         | Ross,      |
| Buchanan of Wood,   | Martin of Cooke,   | Shannon,   |
| Burges,             | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,   |
| Burton,             | Moore,             | Stubbs,    |
| Davenport,          | Patton,            | Terrell,   |
| Duncan,             | Powers,            | Weathered, |
| Gooch,              | Rainey,            | Wynne.     |
| Henderson,          |                    |            |

NAYS—none.

The bill was read the second time, committee amendments adopted, and bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Gooch, the rule was suspended to put the bill on its third reading, by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

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| Buchanan of Grimes, | Lightfoot,         | Ross,      |
| Buchanan of Wood,   | Martin of Cooke,   | Shannon,   |
| Burges,             | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,   |
| Burton,             | Moore,             | Stubbs,    |
| Davenport,          | Patton,            | Terrell,   |
| Duncan,             | Powers,            | Weathered, |
| Gooch,              | Rainey,            | Wynne.     |
| Henderson,          |                    |            |

NAYS—none.

Bill read the third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

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| Buchanan of Grimes, | Henderson,         | Ross,      |
| Buchanan of Wood,   | Lightfoot,         | Shannon,   |
| Burges,             | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,   |
| Burton,             | Moore,             | Stubbs,    |
| Cooper,             | Patton,            | Terrell,   |
| Davenport,          | Powers,            | Weathered, |
| Duncan,             | Rainey,            | Wynne.     |
| Gooch,              |                    |            |

NAYS—none.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

To the Honorable Senate in the Legislature assembled:

I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the appointments, as follows:

Mr. A. O. Cooley, of Gillespie county, to be District Judge of the Thirty-third Judicial District.

Mr. G. F. Neill, of El Paso county, to be District Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial District.

Respectfully submitted,  
O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

The following resolution was offered by Senator Wynne:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to inform his Excellency the Governor that the Senate will adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock M. on this the first day of April, A. D. 1881.

Adopted, and the President appointed on the committee, as asked for by the above resolution, Senators Wynne, Weatherred and Davenport.

Senator Patton moved a call of the Senate. Call sustained.

Roll called; Senate full.

Substitute House bill No. 287, entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 4 of an act entitled 'an act to regulate the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, to fix the rate of occupation taxes upon all persons, firms or associations of persons engaged in the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors and medicated bitters,' etc., was taken up and read the third time.

The rule was suspended, and bill put on second reading by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

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| Buchanan of Grimes | Lightfoot,         | Ross,       |
| Buchanan of Wood,  | Martin of Cooke,   | Shannon,    |
| Burges,            | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,    |
| Burton,            | Moore,             | Stubbs,     |
| Davenport,         | Patton,            | Terrell,    |
| Henderson,         | Powers,            | Weatherred, |
| Hightower,         | Rainey,            | Wynne.      |

NAYS—none.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

The rule was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

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| Buchanan of Grimes, | Lightfoot,         | Ross,       |
| Buchanan of Wood,   | Martin of Cooke,   | Shannon,    |
| Burges,             | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,    |
| Burton,             | Moore,             | Stubbs,     |
| Davenport,          | Patton,            | Terrell,    |
| Gooch,              | Powers,            | Weatherred, |
| Henderson,          | Rainey,            | Wynne.      |

NAYS—none.

The bill was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

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| Buchanan of Grimes, | Henderson,         | Ross,       |
| Buchanan of Wood,   | Lightfoot,         | Shannon,    |
| Burges,             | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,    |
| Burton,             | Moore,             | Stubbs,     |
| Cooper,             | Patton,            | Terrell,    |
| Davenport,          | Powers,            | Weatherred, |
| Gooch,              | Rainey,            | Wynne.      |

NAYS—none.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas:

I hereby ask your advice and consent to the appointment of J. M. Richards, notary public in and for Parker county, and C. J. Davis notary public for Camp county, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,  
O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

On motion of Senator Duncan, the executive session, which had been set at 11 A. M., was postponed five minutes.

Senator Gooch moved that all the appointments contained in the Governor's message of to-day be considered at the executive session to be held this morning. Adopted.

The President, after reading its caption, signed the following bill: Senate bill No. 223, "An act to regulate the appointment and define the duties of notaries public."

Senator Wynne, chairman of the special committee appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that the Senate would adjourn at 12 M. to-day, reported that the duty had been performed, and that the Governor would communicate with the Senate by special message.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 1, 1881.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas:

Learning that there is some objection to the name of Governor E. M. Pease, and not having consulted him on the subject of sending in his name as one of the Regents of the University of Texas, I beg leave to substitute the name of James H. Bell, of Travis county, in his place.

Respectfully submitted,  
O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

Senator Shannon moved to consider the appointment in the executive session to be held to-day. Adopted.

Senator Davenport, for the Committee on Public Printing, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, March 31, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Printing (except the Senator from Travis, who has declined to sit or confer with the committee on this bill), to whom was referred House bill No. 611, entitled "An act to amend articles 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031 and 1032, of chapter 5, title 26, and articles 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081 and 1082, of chapter 15, of title 26, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, approved February 21, 1879," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report it back with recommendation that it do not pass.

The bill changes the whole system of reporting Supreme Court decisions as they have always been published, and makes the State a bookseller to the profession.

The main purpose seems to be to procure cheap books for lawyers by making the State pay an increased price for them.

In method of reporting and finish of the volumes, the reports of our Supreme Court are now equal to those of any other state, and are sold at a price not higher than the volumes of other Southern states. The cheapness of the report must depend on the number sold; and the difficulty of now procuring full sets has restricted sales of late volumes, but it is believed that this is measurably obviated by legislation already taken for republication of the early volumes. The committee believe it unjust to courts of last resort to revolutionize the system of printing and reporting their decisions by adopting smaller type, and trying a reform that might result in compelling those courts to be reported, not by one they would select, but by such a one as they could get. Your committee are advised that all volumes of recent date are printed on plates, so that no expense for republishing future volumes need be anticipated.

For these and other reasons, your committee can not recommend the passage of this bill.

DAVENTPORT, for committee.

Bill read first time.

Report read and, on motion of Senator Davenport, was adopted.

The President read by caption and signed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 53, "An act to authorize and require the Governor to ascertain and file in the War Department of the United States, or in such other department as the matter may be referred to, a careful abstract, accompanied with proper vouchers and proof, of the money expended and indebtedness assumed and incurred by the State of



Texas in repelling invasions by Mexican and Mexican-Indian banditti, and in suppressing Indian hostilities."

Senate bill No. 108, "An act to amend articles 344, 340 and 357, title 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to cities and towns."

Senate bill No. 125, "An act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent on certificate No. 291, to the Mexican Telegraph Company, chartered under the laws of the State of New York, which certificate was issued to the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, for 640 acres of land, and has been located and surveyed on the island of Brazos Santiago, and to designate the alternate section of 640 acres located and surveyed adjoining the location of said certificate as belonging to the public school land of this State."

Senate bill No. 228, "An act to amend the stock law."

Senate bill No. 248, "An act to repeal sections 2, 4 and 7 of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'an act to amend the charter of the city of Dallas,' approved July 9, 1879."

Senate bill No. 252, "An act to amend chapter 11, title 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so that towns and villages may be incorporated for free school purposes only."

Senate bill No. 289, "An act to change the time of holding the District Court in the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Texas."

The Senate went into executive session.

#### IN SENATE.

Senator Patton moved that the results of the executive session be spread upon the journal, and that the secretary inform the Governor of the same. Adopted.

It is accordingly stated that Hon. T. J. Devine, Dr. Ashbel Smith, Gov. James W. Throckmorton, Gov. Richard B. Hubbard, Judge James H. Bell, Dr. James H. Starr, Mr. N. A. Edwards and Prof. Smith Ragsdale, were confirmed as Regents of the University; also, that the Senate has advised and consented to the appointment of G. F. Neill, of El Paso county, to be district attorney of the twentieth judicial district; and to the appointment of John C. Ross as notary public for Atascosa county, J. M. Richards as notary public for Parker county, and C. J. Davis as notary public for Camp county.

Senator Davenport offered the following joint resolution: Joint resolution appropriating five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in addition to what has heretofore been appropriated, the per diem pay of members, officers and employees, for contingent expenses of the Seventeenth Legislature.

*Be it resolved*, That five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in addition to what has heretofore been appropriated, for the per diem pay of members, officers and employees, and to defray the contingent expenses of the Seventeenth Legislature.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Terrell, chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance have considered joint resolution No. 48, and instruct me to report the same back and recommend its passage.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Gooch moved to suspend the rules, and put the resolution on its second reading. Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

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| Buchanan of Grimes | Burton,    | Gooch,     |
| Buchanan of Wood,  | Davenport, | Henderson, |
| Burges,            | Duncan,    | Lightfoot, |

Martin of Cooke,  
Martin of Navarro,  
Moore,  
Patton,  
Powers,

Rainey,  
Ross,  
Shannon,  
Stewart,  
Stubbs,

Terrell,  
Weatherred,  
Wynne.

NAYS—none.

Read second time.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

The hour of adjournment being near at hand, and it being impossible to read this resolution on three successive days, creates an imperative public necessity justifying a suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and said rule is, therefore, hereby suspended.

Adopted, and the resolution ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Terrell the rule was suspended and the resolution put on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

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| Buchanan of Grimes | Lightfoot,         | Ross,       |
| Buchanan of Wood,  | Martin of Cooke,   | Shannon,    |
| Burges,            | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,    |
| Burton,            | Moore,             | Stubbs,     |
| Cooper,            | Patton,            | Terrell,    |
| Davenport,         | Powers,            | Weatherred, |
| Duncan,            | Rainey,            | Wynne.      |
| Henderson,         |                    |             |

NAYS—none.

Read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

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| Buchanan of Grimes | Henderson,         | Ross,       |
| Buchanan of Wood,  | Lightfoot,         | Shannon,    |
| Burges,            | Martin of Navarro, | Stewart,    |
| Burton,            | Moore,             | Stubbs,     |
| Cooper,            | Patton,            | Terrell,    |
| Davenport,         | Powers,            | Weatherred, |
| Duncan,            | Rainey,            | Wynne.      |
| Gooch,             |                    |             |

NAYS—none.

Senator Burton moved to take up the motion to reconsider the passage of House bill No. 242. Motion to reconsider lost.

Senator Burton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Calendar Clerk be retained in office five days after the adjournment of the present session, in order to collect and place in order the books and papers of his desk, and that his per diem pay be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate, on the certificate of the Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted.

(President pro tem., Hon. Marion Martin, in the chair.)

Senator Cooper, chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 125, "An act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent on certificate No. 291, to the Mexican Telegraph Company," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 11:20 o'clock A. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 108, "An act to amend articles 340, 344, 346 and 352 and 357 of title 17 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to cities and towns," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 11:20 o'clock A. M., on this day, presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 228, "An act to amend the stock



law," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 11:20 o'clock A. M. presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 289, "An act to change the times of holding the district courts in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 11:20 o'clock A. M., on this day, the same was presented to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 53, "An act to authorize and request the Governor to ascertain and file in the War Department of the United States, or in such other department as the matter may be referred to, a certified abstract, accompanied with proper vouchers and proofs, of the money expended and indebtedness assumed and incurred by the State of Texas in repelling invasions by Mexican and Mexican-Indian banditti, and in suppressing Indian hostilities," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 11:20 o'clock A. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 223, "An act to regulate the appointment and define the duties of notaries public, to require them to procure and use legal seals, and to punish them for failing to do so," and find same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 11:20 o'clock A. M., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 248, "An act to repeal sections Nos. 2, 4 and 7 of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'an act to amend the charter of the city of Dallas,' approved July 9, 1879, and to amend sections 177, 163, 90, 62 and 82 of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and to grant a new charter to said city,' approved August 9, A. D. 1876," and find same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 11:20 o'clock A. M., on this day, presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.  
COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 252, "An act to amend chapter 11, title 17 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so that towns and villages may be incorporated for free school purposes only," and find same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 11:20 o'clock A. M., on this day, presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

Senator Buchanan of Grimes submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate joint resolution No. 48, "An act making additional appropriations for the per diem pay of officers and members of the Seventeenth Legislature, and for contingent expenses."

BUCHANAN of Grimes, Chairman.

Senator Burges offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the resolution to adjourn at 12 M. to-day be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that both houses adjourn at 2 P. M. this day.*

Adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the

passage of Senate joint resolution No. 48, appropriating five thousand dollars for the per diem pay of members, officers and employees of the Seventeenth Legislature, and for contingent expenses of the same.

The President, after reading their captions, signed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 134, "An act to provide for the issuance of manuscript bonds of the State, for the investment of the funds derived from the sale of lands belonging to the State University, the public schools of the State, and of the laws set apart to the several counties for school purposes, and for the retirement of outstanding bonds of the State, with the proceeds of the sale of the bonds issued to said school funds."

Senate bill No. 170, "An act to amend act entitled 'an act landlord and tenant,' adopted February 1, 1879."

Senate bill No. 203, "An act to amend articles 2393, 2394 and 2395, chapter 3, title 42, of Revised Civil Statutes, relating to fees of office and to repeal article 2430 thereof."

Senate bill No. 290, "An act to provide for the protection of the title of the State to the university lands lying in McLennan and Hill counties."

Also, Senate bill No. 291, "An act to ascertain what, if any, unpaid balances of salaries is due Hon. Gustave Cook, Judge of the Criminal District Court of Galveston and Harris counties, and General William Steele, late Adjutant-General of the State of Texas, and making appropriation therefore."

Senate joint resolution No. 48, appropriating five thousand dollars to pay the per diem and contingent expenses of the Seventeenth Legislature."

And substitute House bill No. 287, "An act to amend sections 1 and 4 of an act entitled 'an act to regulate the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, to fix the rate of occupation taxes upon all persons, firms, or associations of persons engaged in the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, to define the manner and time of collecting such tax, and to fix penalties for failure to pay the same, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act,' approved March 11, 1881."

Senator Gooch moved to take a recess of ten minutes. Adopted.

During recess Senator Lightfoot presented Col. Jno. P. C. Whitehead, Secretary of the Senate, to the audience, who delivered the following eloquent speech on presenting a beautiful cane to the Hon. L. J. Storey, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, as a present from the members, officers and employees of the Senate:

GOVERNOR STOREY:—In this the closing hour of its deliberations, the pleasing yet painful duty has been assigned to me by the Senate, its officers and employees, of administering to you, for and in their behalf, a genteel *caneing*. I say pleasing, because I know of no one within the circle of my acquaintance who more richly deserves it, and painful, for the reason that I am oppressed with a sense of my utter inability to properly perform the task. But since it seems to be a mandate of duty, such a call I cannot disobey.

But a truce to badinage, and before placing in your hands the testimonial confided to me for presentation, let me assure you that it is a heart offering, from those who trust you for your honesty of purpose, respect you for the disinterestedness of your patriotism, and esteem you for your uniform courtesy, kindness and urbanity.

I shall not mock the occasion with lip-service, as I would not "flatter Neptune for his trident, nor Jove for his power to thunder," but believe me, sir, that the inspiration of this gift springs from the discovery that an inflexible devotion to duty and to principle has ever signalized your public career, and stamped with ineffaceable impress your private character.

Well did his excellency, the President of the United States, say, when a member of the House of Representatives of the American Congress, in his eulogy upon a Texas representative, the lamented Schleicher, that those men succeed best in life who take the risk of acting in accordance with their own convictions. Such men prefer

the lasting glory, which arises from an advocacy of the right, to the evanescent popularity which follows in the wake of pleasing the "fickle fancies of the mob, whom naught but juggler's tricks de-light." Such are the men whose patriotism is too sincere and unselfish to hazard their country's good on aught that is laid elsewhere than deep down on the bed-rock of truth. Such are the men with spirits too proud, hearts too brave, and aspirations too pure, ever

"To bend the pregnant hinges of the knee,  
That thrift may follow fawning."

Sir, in all sincerity for myself and those of whom I am the humble representative, let me say that among this class you have placed yourself, and to it you properly belong.

And virtue has its own reward, for while in the spring-time of life every cloud is a roseate, every step a joy, every sound a note of music, until we wonder if all the ages were not one grand jubilee of sinless men and sinless women, yet when we have passed through the battle and twilight is slowly creeping upon us, the clouds become dark and lowering, the steps are heavy, the notes of music are sounds of woe and the jubilee one long sad wail of anguish. How sweet, then, is the consolation which is afforded by a consciousness of the rectitude of one's intentions. It is the contentment which is a perpetual feast, a possession far more valuable than the wealth of "Ormus and of Ind," and is a heritage which must and will be victorious even over the silence of the tomb.

There is a legend of the East that upon whomsoever the shadow of a certain bird called huma falls, as it flies across the heavens, is followed in quick succession by a halo of glory encircling the head of the individual shadowed. May such be your experience, and we pray God that when you are called hence, as we all shall be, that you may go as sets the morning star, which sinks not down behind the darkened west, nor hides itself obscure amid the tempests of the sky, but melts away into the light of heaven.

Accept then, Governor, this token of our affectionate regard, and in the evening of life, when upon it you lean, we hope that it may remind you of the friends of to-day, to be laid aside only for the rod and staff of Him who "sticketh closer than a brother."

On receiving the cane, Governor Storey made the following very appropriate and chaste response:

COLONEL WHITEHEAD, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:—No language at my command can express my grateful acknowledgements to you for this expression of your confidence and esteem, coming as it does, as a testimonial from gentlemen, some of whom have been associated with me for many years in the public service. And believing as I do, that the truly eloquent presentation address to which I have just listened, conveys to me the kind wishes of true and noble hearts, I accept with pleasure this beautiful token of friendship; and in after years when we shall have passed the meridian of life, and begin to look back over those that have gone, I am sure that no spot along the pathway of my public career will be to me so attractive, and upon which I shall love to dwell so much, as the hours spent with the Senate of the Seventeenth Legislature. And while I, in common with you all rejoice that the labors of the session are at an end, and that we are soon to be with the loved ones at home, yet it is with a sad heart that I shall bid each and all farewell.

You, Colonel Whitehead, have been pleased to allude in complimentary terms to my short public service. I know not whether my services have been worth anything or not, but I feel a consciousness of having done what I believe to be right, and for the best interest of my State and country.

Our labors here are at an end, and the acts of the Seventeenth Legislature will pass into history. Some are already condemning your course, without investigation. I desire to say with emphasis, however, that in my judgment, no body of legislators with whom I have been associated, have labored more earnestly and intelligently for the public good than has the Senate of the Seventeenth Legislature.

You have considered over three hundred Senate bills, and nearly forty joint resolutions, about sixty-five of which are laws upon our statute books. You have taken final action upon a great number of House bills and resolutions, and about fifty of them have become laws. And while all has not been accomplished you desired, yet the future will prove that much good has been accomplished. Many defects in the Revised Statutes and criminal laws of the State have been cured; you have submitted several amendments to the Constitution to a vote of the people, which, if adopted by them, will greatly improve our judiciary system and increase the facilities for the enforcement of the law; you have made provisions for the erection of a new Capitol building, and also for the location and establishment of "the University of Texas;" and the largest appropriation for the benefit of public free schools possible under the present Constitution and the financial condition of the State. Our charita-

ble institutions have been provided for, and ample means set apart for the protection of the frontier. Taxation has been reduced twenty per cent, and adequate provision has been made to carry on the government for the next two years, so that the holders of State warrants will not be compelled to hawk them upon the streets, but will receive their face value when they are presented at the treasury. The public debt has not been increased, and the interest upon it has been and will be paid at maturity. The credit of the State was never better, and is as good as that of the United States, or of any State in the Union. The policy of the administration, "to confine the current expenditures within the current revenues," has become the fixed policy of the State, or in other words, with Texas, "pay as you go," is indeed a reality. May this policy never be changed.

And now, Senators, officers and employees, with the best wishes for your future prosperity and happiness, I again tender you my sincere thanks for this mark of your esteem, and for the uniform kindness and consideration shown me by each and every one of you.

Recess expired and the Senate resumed the business before it.

Senator Gooch moved that the speeches of the President and Secretary be spread upon the journals. Adopted.

Senator Cooper, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate joint resolution No. —, "Joint resolution appropriating five thousand dollars for per diem," find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 12:55 o'clock P. M., this day, presented the same to the Governor his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 198, "An act to authorize the Governor, State Treasurer and Superintendent of the Penitentiary to contract for conveying convicts from the counties where sentenced to the penitentiary," and find same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 12:55 o'clock P. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared substitute Senate bill 203, "An act to amend article 2395, chapter 3, of title 42, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to compensation for ex-officio services of clerks of county courts," have examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled and signed, and on this day, at 12:55 o'clock A. M., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 170, "An act amendatory of article 3112, of title 58, of an act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," passed by the Sixteenth Legislature of Texas, A. D. 1879," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 12:55 o'clock P. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 296, "An act to legalize and validate the ordinances of cities and towns, where said ordinances impose a penalty for their violation, and have not been published in the official journals, as required by law, and to give force and effect to the same," and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and on this day, at 12:55 o'clock P. M., presented same to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storey, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and

compared Senate bill No 291, "An act to ascertain what, if any, unpaid balance of salary is due Gustave Cook, as Judge of the Criminal District Court of Galveston and Harris counties, and William Steele, late Adjutant General of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor," and find the same correctly enrolled, and properly signed, and on this day at 12:55 o'clock, P. M., presented the same to the governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

Hon. L. J. Storoy, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared substitute for Senate bill No. 134, "An act to provide for the issuance of manuscript bonds for the State, for the funds derived from the sale of lands set apart to the several counties for school purposes," etc., and find the same correctly enrolled and properly signed, and at 12:55 o'clock P. M., on this day, was presented to the Governor for his signature.

COOPER, Chairman.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor, with accompanying document, was received and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in the Legislature assembled:

I respectfully submit the following acts approved and resolutions.  
Respectfully, O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

Captions of bills passed by the Seventeenth Legislature:

House bill No. 412, An act authorizing and requiring owners of land between the Neufces and Rio Grande rivers, under grant or title thereto from the former governments, which were recorded in respective counties before the adoption of the present Constitution, to deposit and archive the same in the General Land Office. Approved March 16, 1881.

House bill No. 267, An act to amend article 1054, title 15, chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas. Approved March 17, 1881.

House bill No. 311, An act to detach fifty-three hundred and thirty-four acres from Hill county and attach the same to Johnson county and define the line between said counties. Approved March 17, 1881.

House bill No. 521, An act to provide for the organization of the State penitentiary, and for the more effective management of the same. Approved March 17, 1881.

House bill No. 266, An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to approve the bounty land warrant for nineteen hundred and twenty acres of land, issued on the twenty-fifth day of November, 1846, by William G. Cook, Adjutant-General, to the heirs of William N. French. Approved March 18, 1881.

House bill No. 217, An act to validate certain notarial acts in the State of Texas. Approved March 18, 1881.

House bill No. 570, An act to authorize and empower the Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Comptroller, to use surplus moneys that may be at any time in the State treasury belonging to the general fund, for the purchase and retirement of outstanding bonds of the State. Approved March 18, 1881.

House bill No. 576, An act to provide for the change of time of holding the terms of the District Court of Gonzales county. Approved March 18, 1881.

House bill No. 83, An act to amend article 4752, title 95, of chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas. Approved March 18, 1881.

House bill No. 310, An act to amend chapter 3, of title 15 of "an act entitled an act to adopt and establish a Penal Code and a Code of Criminal Procedure for the State of Texas," approved February 21, 1879. Approved March 18, 1881.

House bill No. 559, An act to define the time for holding the District Court of Kaufman county. Approved March 22, 1881.

House bill No. 482, An act to amend articles 4662, 4664 and 4665 of chapter 1, title 95, of the Revised Civil Statutes, adopted February 28, A. D. 1879. Approved March 24, 1881.

House bill No. 91, An act to authorize the refunding of moneys paid into the General Land Office, under the provisions of "an act to authorize the location, sale and settlement of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad reserve, passed August 26, 1856," and the provisions of the supplemental act entitled "an act supplemental to an act to authorize the location, sale and settlement of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad reserve, approved November 28, 1857," in all cases wherein the State failed to patent the land on account of same being covered by previous grant, for which such moneys were paid, and to make an appropriation therefor. Approved March 25, 1881.

House bill No. 30, An act to amend article 506, chapter 11, of title

17, and to create article 340a, chapter 1, of said title of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to certain towns and villages. Approved March 26, 1881.

Senate bill No. 10, An act to prescribe the requisites of indictments in certain cases. Approved March 26, 1881.

Senate bill No. 286, An act to amend chapters 5 and 11, of title 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State, relating to charters of cities and towns, and villages, so as to authorize the levy of a tax for the support of public free schools under certain circumstances. Approved March 26, 1881.

House bill No. 307, An act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the County Court of Bosque and San Patricio counties, in this State, and conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said counties to such change. Approved March 26, 1881.

House bill No. 427, An act to provide for designating and setting apart three hundred leagues of land out of the unappropriated public domain for the benefit of the unorganized counties of the State, and to provide for the survey and location of the same. Approved March 28, 1881.

Senate bill No. 256, An act for the relief of W. M. Morrison and L. A. Ellis. Approved March 28, 1881.

Senate bill No. 189, An act to amend chapter 5, title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to county seats, by adding another article, to be known as article 694a. Approved March 28, 1881.

Senate bill No. 222, An act to establish the Thirty-sixth Judicial District, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge and district attorney therein, and to conform the Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Judicial Districts thereto. Approved March 28, 1881.

House bill No. 533, An act for the relief of C. C. Gibbs. Approved March 28, 1881.

Senate substitute House bill No. 566, An act making appropriations for deficiencies, beginning March 1, 1879, and ending February 28, 1881, and for previous years. Approved March 30, 1881.

House bill No. 170, An act to validate donation land certificate issued to Joseph Floyd. Approved March 29, 1881.

Senate bill No. 267, An act to authorize the Governor to appoint a district attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial District. Approved March 29, 1881.

Senate bill No. 138, An act for the relief of Thomas B. Hearne. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 17, An act making the office of county surveyor an office of record. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 242, An act to amend article 4333 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted February 21, 1879, and to provide for the registration of instruments relating to real estate in unorganized counties. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 130, An act authorizing district courts to transfer cases of administration of estates of deceased persons and guardianship of minors, persons of unsound mind and habitual drunkards, pending before them, to the county courts. Approved March 70, 1881.

Senate bill No. 293, An act for holding a special term of the District Court in the county of Freestone for the trial of criminal causes, and for such other business of a criminal nature as may be lawfully considered in the district court. Approved March 30, 1881.

House bill No. 610, An act to make an appropriation for the per diem pay of the officers, members and employees of the Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Texas. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 200, An act to restore and confer upon the county courts of Palo Pinto, Eastland, Stephens, Callahan, Taylor, Brazoria, Matagorda, Coleman, Bowie, Brown, Morris and Camp counties, the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to them under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district courts of said counties to such change. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 95, An act for the relief of Mrs. Marinda Hyde, Martin L. Baker, Roden T. Crain the heirs of John P. Reynolds and the heirs of Jacob Plummer. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 234, An act to amend certain articles of chapter 2 of title 78 of the Revised Civil Code, said chapter 2 being entitled "Agricultural and Mechanical College." Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 290, An act to provide for the protection of the title of the State to the university lands lying in McLennan and Hill counties. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 98, An act to establish the university of Texas. Approved March 30, 1881.

Senate bill No. 30 and 70, An act to establish the Twelfth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Thirty-third Judicial Districts, and to prescribe the times for holding courts in said districts, and in the Thirtieth District, to provide for the appointment of a district attorney in the Twentieth and a district judge in the Thirty-third Judicial District, and to provide for holding terms of the district courts in certain counties now unorganized. Approved March 30, 1881.



House bill No. 74, An act to amend article 4608, title 94, chapter 4, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, to provide for preventing certain animals from running at large in counties and subdivisions. Approved March 31, 1881.

House bill No. 499, An act to authorize towns and villages heretofore incorporated by the Congress of the Republic or the Legislature of the State to amend their charters. Approved March 31, 1881.

Substitute House joint resolution No. 37, joint resolution proposing an amendment to sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 17, article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

House joint resolution No. 48, joint resolution granting the Hon. G. B. Gerald, Judge of the County Court of McLennan county, sixty days' leave of absence from the State.

Senate joint resolution No. 39, joint resolution amending section 24, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Senate joint resolution No. 41, joint resolution making an appropriation for the settlement of the Thomas Toby claim.

Senate joint resolution No. 36, joint resolution expressing sympathy for the people of Ireland in their struggle against the oppression system.

House joint resolution No. 15, joint resolution in reference to borrowing tents for Adjutant-General.

Senate joint resolution No. 45, joint resolution granting W. E. Collard, Judge of the Ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas; T. S. Nugent, Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial District of the State of Texas; R. C. Beale, County Judge of Navarro county; D. C. Barmore, County Judge of Brazos county; and W. S. Moore,

County Judge of Lamar county, permission to absent themselves from the State at the times hereinafter named.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, April 1, 1881.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in the Legislature assembled:

Upon your adjournment I take pleasure in tendering to you, collectively and individually, my grateful obligations for the respect shown to me, as the chief executive of the State, during the present session.

The country, I trust, will be much benefitted by the results of your labors. Many good laws have been passed, and other measures have been discussed and considered sufficiently to attract public attention, by which a proper conclusion may be reached at the next session, to be called so soon as the Congress of the United States shall have made an apportionment of representatives.

Texas is on the high road to a grand prosperity, and to you, as its legislators, the people look to guide it safely and wisely.

I hope for you a happy welcome to your home, and a full appreciation by your constituents.

Respectfully,

O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

After prayer by the worthy Chaplain of the Senate, Rev. F. C. Wilkes, the President declared the Senate of the Seventeenth Legislature adjourned sine die.